

WAC 197-11-990 Notice of action.

NOTICE OF ACTION

Notice is given under SEPA, RCW 43.21C.080, that the Washington State Department of Health took the action described in (2) below on October 20, 2005.

1. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before November 21, 2005, in accordance with RCW 34.05.542(3).

2. Description of agency action: On October 20, 2005, by Amendment #31, the Department of Health renewed US Ecology-Washington, Inc.'s (US Ecology) Radioactive Materials License #WN-I019-2 for an additional period of five years allowing the continued operation of the commercial low-level radioactive waste disposal site located near Richland, Washington. The renewed license includes several additional operating requirements including source term limits for the facility, secondary containment for certain radionuclides, and improved waste tracking and records keeping. License Amendment #31 also imposes site closure requirements for the cover design and closure schedule. The licensee is required to begin design and construction of a cover that meets all performance requirements outlined in the 2004 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Commercial Low Level Radioactive Waste Site (DOH Publication 320-031).

3. Description of proposal:

The proposed action in the EIS was for the agency to make a determination on whether the US Ecology license should be renewed to continue to operate the commercial site.

4. Location of proposal:

The low-level radioactive waste disposal site is located on the U.S. Department of Energy Hanford Reservation, approximately 23 miles northwest of Richland, Washington, on 100 acres of land leased to the state of Washington and subleased by the Washington State Department of Ecology to US Ecology.

5. Type of environmental review under SEPA:

The Departments of Health and Ecology prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Commercial Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Site, Richland, Washington, dated May 2004. The DOH publication number is 320-031. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was issued on July 29, 2004.

6. Documents may be examined during regular business hours at:

Department of Health, 111 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, Washington

Department of Health, 309 Bradley Blvd, Suite 201, Richland, Washington

Documents may also be examined on the Department of Health's website: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/rp>

7. Name of agency, proponent, or applicant giving notice:

Washington State Department of Health, Office of Radiation Protection

8. This notice is filed by Gary Robertson, Director, Office of Radiation Protection

Gary Robertson Date 10/21/05